



AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1651

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2002 (Paper No. 17), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on December 19, 2002, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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